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Dear Mr. Snow:


I understand from information I have received that your agency intends to recommend and support the creation and/or enlargement of twelve new dams. In light of what we now know about the detrimental effect of dams on stream health and consequently on California's wild fish this seems like a terrible idea.

While we all understand that human needs must be balanced with the needs of animals, we have already tilted the scales well beyond balance in the humans' favor, and the truth is that if the animals are not healthy neither are we.

We don't need more dams we need better water conservation and management. The immediate cost of these efficiencies may be more in the short run, but will allow us all to survive to enjoy California's wilderness in the long run.

I strongly urge you to revise this plan and to consider the alternatives. Many of us will monitor this process with great anticipation. Our future, all of our futures, are at stake.

Very truly yours,



Steve Brown